



City of Gahanna

Meeting Minutes

Landscape Board

200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230

Jane Allinder, Chair
Kevin Dengel, Vice Chair
Matt Winger, Secretary
Mark DiGiando
Chris Schuett

Wednesday, July 14, 2021

6:00 PM

Lobby Conference Room

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Allinder, Chair, called the July 14, 2021 Regular Landscape Board meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

B. ROLL CALL

Present 4 - Mark DiGiando, Chris Schuett, Chair Jane Allinder, and Kevin Dengel

Absent 1 - Matt Winger

Staff in attendance-: Stephania Bernard-Ferrell, Director, Julie Predieri, City Forester, Ellen Ore, Administrative Assistant.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Winger, seconded by Schuett, to approve the minutes from the May 12, 2021 meeting. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Winger, Schuett, Chair Allinder and Dengel

Abstain: 1 - DiGiando

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D. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA- NONE

E. HEARING OF VISITORS- NONE

F. OLD BUSINESS- NONE

G. NEW BUSINESS**i. Chapter 913**

Ferrell brought forward changes to Chapter 913 that were approved by this Board on May 12, 2021, along with new changes requested, document attached.

Recommended changes included the following:

913.03 City and Landscape Board Rights

B- Addition of the verbiage “right of way permit must be obtained before any work may take place in the right of way”, while this is not an operational change, it does need defined in this Chapter.

913.06 Landscaping for Accessory Buildings

Reviewed by planning director Blackford, it was identified that 913.06 is also in 913.11, Ferrell requests that 913.06 be stricken entirely and reflected as deleted.

913.07 Landscape Materials, Spacing and Location

Ferrell advised that this has been operationally updated for years, but the chapter needs changed to reflect the current operational workflow. The Landscape Board does not approve landscaping for architects or designs, that goes directly through planning commission.

City Forester Predieri was asked to discuss the following changes:

913.10 Street Tree Planting Requirements

E. 5- Strike stipulation of three (3) different species per street. With that requirement the City is more likely to lose trees along an entire street at once. If the City can diversify their tree species, it can create a healthier urban forest with more opportunity to have longevity in the future.

E. 7- Strike maximum spacing requirement because it doesn't make sense in certain area as trees are already planted with inconsistent spacing. Tree should be planted where they make sense.

E. 8- Strike the Street Tree Landscape Plan as it does not exist.

913.99 Penalty

A. City would like to improve the intent by adding “without permission from the City of Gahanna” to this section as well as reduce the minimum diameter from two and one-half inches to one and one-half inch.

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Chapter 913 Recommendation

A motion was made by DiGiando, seconded by Schuett, to accept the changes

to Chapter 913. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - DiGiando, Schuett, Chair Allinder and Dengel

Absent: 1 - Winger

H. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS- NONE

I. POLL MEMBERS FOR COMMENT- NONE

J. ADJOURNMENT

Dengel motioned to adjourn and there being no further business of the Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm.

Amy Moneypenny
Clerk

*APPROVED by the Landscape Board, this
day of 2021.*

Jane Allinder
Chair